



UKS2 Topic: World War 2 in Europe and The Battle of Britain Block E: VE Day Session 2

Say to the children:

Place a coloured piece of modelling dough on the laminated map, on Britain. This will represent all the Allies involved in the war. Place a different coloured piece of play dough on the Soviet Union. Keep another on the side for later (this will become the United States). Listen carefully because together, in our map groups we are going to move our dough according to what happened in the last part of the Second World War.

16 May 1943: The Dam Busters Raid. Attack by the RAF on Germany dams. *Pinch a piece of Allies dough from Britain and add it to Germany.*

28 Sept 1943: Italy surrenders *Pinch a piece of Allies dough from Britain and add it to Italy.*

10 Oct 1943: Italy swaps sides and declares war on Germany. *Pinch another piece of dough from Britain and add it to Italy.*

4 June 1944: Rome is finally freed by the Allies. *Add more Allies dough to Italy.*

6 June 1944: British and US troops successfully land on the Normandy beaches of France, opening a 'Second front' against the Germans.

This day is known as D-Day. *Take Allied dough from Britain, mix with some US play dough and add it to the north coast of France.*

12 June 1944: The first of Germany's terror weapons, the Doodlebug, falls in England at Swanscombe in Kent.

15 Aug 1944: Allied forces land in southern France near Nice. *Take Allies dough (including US) and move to the south of France*

20 Aug 1944: Allied forces move to Paris. *Take Allies dough (including US) and place on Paris.*

11 Sept 1944: US troops enter Germany. *Add US dough to Germany.*

20 Oct 1944: US troops land in the Philippines. *Add US dough to the far right-hand side and off the map.*

12 Jan 1945: The Soviets liberate Warsaw and Krakow in Poland. *Add Soviet dough to Poland.*

13 Feb 1945: The Soviets capture Budapest, capital city of Hungary. *Add Soviet dough to Hungary.*

16 April 1945: The Soviets launch their final offensive, encircling Berlin. *Take the final amounts of Soviet dough and place in a ring around Berlin, in Germany.*

30 April 1945: Hitler commits suicide in a bunker in Berlin.

7 May 1945: Germany surrenders to the Western Allies.

8 May 1945: Churchill announces VE Day – Victory in Europe. British people wave flags, sing and dance in the streets.

9 May 1945: Germany surrenders to the Soviet Union.

6 Aug 1945 The first atomic bomb is dropped by the United States on Hiroshima, killing 78,000 citizens.

8 Aug 1945 The United States drops an atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

14 Aug 1945 Japan surrenders to the Allies after almost six years of war. VJ Day is declared.

(Victory in Japan).

2 Sept 1945 Having agreed to unconditional surrender, Japan formally surrenders, ending World War 2.

